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Dear Interested Citizen:

Enclosed you will find for your review the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Montana State Parks (a division of Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks; FWP) proposal for public-access improvements on a newly acquired 0.9-acre property (parcel) immediately south of its Fort Owen State Park (SP), located approximately 1-mile northwest of Stevensville in Ravalli County. The proposed project would develop a parking area that would address decades-old challenges for site management, improve access to this historic site, and reduce trespass for the adjacent private landowner.

The EA may also be obtained by: mail from Region 2 FWP, 3201 Spurgin Rd., Missoula 59804; phoning 406-542-5500; emailing shrose@mt.gov; and by viewing FWP's Internet website http://fwp.mt.gov ("Public Notices").

Comments may be directed by mail or email to the addresses above. Comments must be received by FWP no later than February 25, 2021.

As part of the decision-making process under the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA), I expect to issue the Decision Notice for this EA very soon after the end of the comment period. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Randy Árnold

Regional Supervisor

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